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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to the issuance of an Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

a1 -- Figs. 4A-4E are cross-sectional views showing the process of pulling and loading a fresh disk into the pull slider of Figs. 3A and 3B;--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

a2 --Figs. 4A- Fig.4E show the process of pulling and feeding the disk 5A into the sliding table, wherein Fig. 4A shows the pull slider 12 at its initial retraction and the flexible pull